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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention the following document which is cited for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of the European Search Report (in German) mailed on July 1, 2002 and conducted in a counterpart European Application No. 02 00 4868. In particular the European Examiner cited:

(1) US 5,193,258. This document is cited as an "A" category document (i.e., indicating technological background). The European Examiner indicated that the whole document is relevant to claims 1, 2 and 5 of the European Application;

(2) EP 0 787 912. This document is cited as an "D,A" category document (i.e., discussed in the European Application). The European Examiner indicated that the whole document is relevant to claim 1 of the European Application; and

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(3) US 5,928,121 is listed in the annex as a family member document of EP 0 787 912.

Copies of documents (2) and (3) are not provided as document (2) was previously cited in an IDS filed on May 31, 2002 and as document (3) was cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated November 5, 2003. However, a copy of document (1) and the European Search Report in German is enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Applicant notes that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a first office action on the merits pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), but before issuance of a Final rejection. However, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) because Applicant has provided herein the required fee of \$ 180.00 under 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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